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## DRAFT MEETING NOTES

**PROJECT:** Fanno Creek Park and Plaza Master Plan  
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**RE:** July 28th Public Meeting No. 1 – Site Analysis, Programming & Plaza Location

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On Saturday, July 28th, the first of three public meetings was held in the Tigard Library Community Meeting room for the Fanno Creek Park and Plaza project. The purpose of the meeting was to present the existing conditions of the site, site analysis, potential park and plaza program elements that could be considered for the project, and the plaza location study.

Approximately 35 people attended the Public Meeting, including several members of the Steering Committee and the City Mayor. Information was presented at three stations in an informal open house format. The first station focused on existing conditions and site analysis, the second on programming elements and the third on the plaza location study. Public comments were recorded during the conversations at the various stations and comment cards were available for public input as well.

The meeting included the following Staff/ Steering Committee participants:

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Following is a summary of the major comments, points of clarification or additional issues raised by the public participants during the group work session:

- The biggest issue is providing parking for new proposed facilities/ plaza/ park. Need to solve the parking problem in Tigard.
- Connect trail for regional access – when??
- The plaza needs to be on Main Street.
- Put the plaza on Main Street. Don't stick it on Burnham out of the main circulation hoping that Burnham will redevelop to high enough level to pull people down it. Successful urban plazas need to be treated as an important land use, not placed in left over space.
- Ensure that proposed use at Main Street – meeting of park and urban life – is highest attraction possible to maximize the street/ foot traffic that will “happen” along into the green spaces. Provide another entrance/ connection that is for intentional visitors. Arts Center is not an appropriate joining. Police should be kept remote since it is not a destination that brings traffic to other adjacent uses.

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- Get your input from school or other questionnaire. Get art galleries. Support activities of artists. "Rollerskating" for kids/ adults. I like the plaza being just off Main Street, perhaps best at the corner where liquor store is? Be sure a shuttle is available to and from train station and bus mall.
- Please seriously consider parking for all the activities that the new attraction/ structures will bring to town. Traffic is already bad, especially around Main Street where people use it to stay away from Highway 99.
- I prefer/ recommend Plaza location scheme 6 (car wash site) since its large and most important, away from Fanno Creek Park, in order to minimize disturbances to the Park, the wildlife that live there and the people who want a quiet experience in the Park. Many dollars (public) have already been spent in restoring Fanno Creek Park – NO more development in the Park. The Turtles! don't want more activity in their home!
- Plaza should not be treated as a step-child. Put it on Main Street in prime location. A hybrid of scheme #2 (Steven's Marine site) with wide Park frontage onto Burnham is best solution. Do not build a road between Park and development. Unnecessary and expensive. Do not bring cars into Park. Retail space on that back edge will not be highly desirable. Can bring street off Burnham between two sites with entrances into garage parking – similar to Lake Oswego Millenium Park with the turn-around and entry to garage. Put Farmer's Market in rail parking lot, not in this plaza. Park does not need a lot of parking if plaza on Main Street, just enough for stage. Let people sit on grass for events.
- My first look at the proposals – very thought provoking. I appreciate the clear description of the choices, and plan to physically visit the area with a new eye to the possibilities to consider.
- What about low income housing and Section 8? Leave Ash Avenue alone. Don't put it through the Park!! Have something like Portland's Pioneer Square for summer time - "Flicks on the Bricks" – movies shown. Someplace for the youth to go during summer. What about the old haggens? Rollerskating rink, etc.
- I'm interested in using the plaza for: concerts, play fountain, farmer's market, outdoor plays. Please incorporate into design!!
- The presentation helps everyone at the meeting to be involved. The cards are a non-threatening way for people to communicate their thoughts. Tigard is a great little City that has much potential for the community. A plaza would be great for music, market, alnd a place for people to visit – a community table.
- Presentation visual excellent! Helps us understand better. Great presentation of pictures and graphs. Pictures are great for people in the community to learn more about what is going on and how they can become involved – citizens of the community need to share their ideas.